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Dear Sir:

This is a divisional application of application serial number 08/574,528 which was a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/557,657, now U.S. Patent Number 5,771,353.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

26. (New) A method of controlling communications between an electronic groupware communication server and communication units, the method, at the electronic groupware communication server, comprising:

assigning a use limit for group resources of a first group, wherein the first group has a predetermined number of users;

allowing users belonging to the first group to draw on unused group resources;